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SUBJECT: SOVIET VISIT INVITATION TO DR. ALAN M. LOVELACE,
NASA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

FOR SCICOUN

ON MARCH 13, PROFESSOR VSEVOLOD G. LUTSAU, HEAD, PHYSICAL
RESEARCH LABORATORY, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH
INSTITUTE, EXTENDED AN ORAL INVITATION ON BEHALF OF THE
STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SCST) TO
DR. ALAN M. LOVELACE, NASA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, TO BE AN
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HONORED GUEST AT THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MACRO-
MOLECULAR CHEMISTRY, OCTOBER 17-21, 1978, IN TASHKENT.
PROFESSOR LUTSAU ALSO INDICATED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD BE
HAPPY TO ARRANGE FOR VISITS TO FACILITIES OF DR. LOVELACE'S
CHOOSING ONE WEEK BEFORE AND ONE WEEK AFTER THE SYMPOSIUM,
AND THAT THEY WOULD COVER ALL OF HIS EXPENSES AFTER HIS
ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW. A SIMILAR INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO

MR. GEORGE PETERSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, USAF WRIGHT-PATTERSON AERONAUTICAL LABORATORIES (AFWAL).

DR. LOVELACE IS FAVORABLY CONSIDERING THE INVITATION, BUT WOULD WELCOME MORE FORMAL INDICATION THAT THE SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO FACILITATE HIS ACCESS TO SOME OF THE MORE

IMPORTANT COMPOSITE MATERIALS TECHNOLOGICAL AND MANUFACTURING FACILITIES. DR. LOVELACE'S INTEREST IS BOTH OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL SINCE HE HAS CONDUCTED PIONEERING RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD AND WAS A LABORATORY DIRECTOR AT AFWAL. EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF FACILITIES DR. LOVELACE IS INTERESTED IN INCLUDE: A.F. IOFFE PHYSICAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, LENINGRAD; ALL UNION INSTITUTE OF AVIATION MATERIALS, MOSCOW; INSTITUTE OF METALLURGY, MOSCOW; MECHANICAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MOSCOW; BIKOV INSTITUTE OF METALLURGY, MOSCOW; MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES FIBER PRODUCTION FACILITIES NEAR MOSCOW; ANTONOV INSTITUTE FOR AIRCRAFT DESIGN, KIEV AND AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING FACILITIES IN KAZAN.

ACTION REQUESTED: NASA WOULD APPRECIATE SCICOUN CONTACTING SCST AND EXPRESSING DR. LOVELACE'S PRELIMINARY INTEREST IN SUCH A VISIT BUT INDICATING THAT HE WOULD NEED A WRITTEN INVITATION COVERING SPECIFICS ON BOTH THE SYMPOSIUM AND VISITS TO THE KINDS OF FACILITIES INDICATED
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ABOVE.

WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET OFFER TO COVER DR. LOVELACE'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, UNDER NASA PRACTICE DR. LOVELACE WOULD COVER HIS OWN EXPENSES, PARTICULARLY SINCE HIS TRAVEL WOULD NOT FALL UNDER THE RECEIVING-SIDE-PAYS PROCEDURES OF THE SPACE BILATERALS. NASA WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS ON BEST APPROACH, E.G., TRANSFER OF NASA FUNDS THROUGH EMBASSY TO SCST.

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